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For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR )  
DECODING VARIABLE LENGTH )  
ENCODED SIGNALS, )  
COMPUTER PROGRAM )  
PRODUCT THEREFOR )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining this application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this amendment.

An abstract is provided on page 8 of this amendment and as a separate page enclosed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this amendment.